

## Special Beaver Creek Trustee's Meeting

Monday, September 19,

2016

Ms. Graff called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Carol Graff, Tom Kretz, and Jeff Roberts. Fiscal Officer Christy Ahrens was also present. Staff present: Township Administrator/Public Safety Director Alex Zaharieff, Fire Chief David VandenBos, Battalion Chief Nathan Heister, and Zoning Clerk III Laurie Brown. Resident Nancy Bain was also present.

Wright State University Graduate Students present: Daniel Bolton, Najma Ali Hagi, Whitney Jackson, and Max McConnell.

The Purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session to discuss a strategic plan for Beaver Creek Township.

Township Administrator/Public Safety Director Alex Zaharieff presented the opportunity to work with Wright State University's Urban Affairs Department, with graduate students working on their Master's degree in Public Administration, and the opportunity for the Township to engage students participating in a Strategic Planning class. The students hope to create an Identity Statement, figure out where the Township fits in the Community, and use SWAT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis of the Fire, Zoning, and Road Departments to present achievable goals for each department moving forward.

The students presented a list of questions for the Trustees to answer in order to get a feel for where the Board is at now and where they would like to see the Township in the future. General discussion occurred regarding the following questions and answers: Define the township now - Answers – diverse community, bedroom community with growing potential, a brief history was given about the community changing from rural agriculture into a town; What does the township look like five years from now – Answers – in balance with residential and commercial development, working with the City via shared services, staying true to who we are, having a Super Street, and continued work on our Parks and recreation, bikeways, and Wetlands; What changes needed to be made to achieve that vision in five years – Answers – Consolidation of Parks, transportation improvements, Super Street to go through, Valley Springs potential, and being aware and ready when change comes or needs to occur; How can the students most effectively communicate with stakeholders – Answers – reach out to residents through Home Owners Associations, talk to developers, talk to a mix of business owners in the township, and meet with officials from the school district; What outcomes would benefit the township – Answers – Vision and Mission statements, a road map to move forward, incorporating the Land Use Plan into the plan and adding the Police department to the scope of the project; What communities do we aspire to emulate – Answers – we want to be the standard, keep what we have good and continue to grow, Liberty Township, West Chester Township and different places based on individualized department concepts (Roads, Parks, etc.); Current legal constraints – Answers – limited on what we as a Township can do, and Annexation; Financial constraints – Answers – we maintain but are not able to build for the future based on what tax payers are willing to approve, the state strangling local funds, and the heroin epidemic; If no constraints name some "wish list" projects – Answers – eliminate all at-grade intersections on Rt. 35, have water and sewer at Greene County Regional Airport and further develop opportunities there, and develop Valley Springs with retail or office space or even something different, beyond the retail box, like a Honda site or Ikea plant.

The students thanked the Trustees for their time and willingness to discuss this project. They have 8 weeks in this class to work on this project for Beaver Creek Township. Mr. Zaharieff stated again that he would like to see Vision and Mission

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statements created by the end of the time; the students hope to have those and some initial goals for each of the departments.

General discussion occurred regarding funds and the lack of road infrastructure and therefore it's hard to grow as a community, and the fact that financial restraints determine what the Trustees can and can't do.

**2016-382** Mr. Kretz made a motion to Adjourn at 8:16 P.M. Mr. Roberts seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Kretz, yes; Mr. Roberts, yes; and Ms. Graff, yes.

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Officer: \_\_\_\_\_